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Letter dated 15 July 1992 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I am instructed by the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which has the powers and responsibilities of the Provisional Government of Palestine, to bring the following to your immediate attention:

Since early yesterday, more than 5,000 students, faculty and staff of Al-Najah University in Nablus, occupied Palestinian West Bank, have been under siege on campus by Israeli occupying forces. The students were exercising their democratic right to elect their student government, when a large number of Israeli soldiers surrounded the University, intimidating and harassing everyone on campus. It has been almost two days of stand-off without having any access to food or medical services for the needy inside the besieged University. This critical situation is endangering the lives of many Palestinians at Al-Najah University. During the same time, another Palestinian, Imad Shqiqat, 27, was assassinated in Jaba'a village near Jenin on 13 July 1992 by Israeli members of the death squads.

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These and all other illegal Israeli measures are violations of the norms of international law and of United Nations resolutions, especially Security Council resolutions. It is, further, a clear threat to the security and safety of our people under Israeli occupation.

We call upon the United Nations, especially the Security Council, to provide international protection for the Palestinian people living in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem. We call further on the Secretary-General to use his good offices and the mandate given to him by Security Council resolution 681 (1990).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under items 30, 35 and 74 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dr. Nasser AL-KIDWA
Permanent Observer of
Palestine to the United Nations